



MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 22, 1902

THE EUROPEAN powers having claims against Venezuela have notified the State Department at Washington that they are willing to submit the same to arbitration. This country, however, will in no sense make itself responsible for the payment of the claims. No matter what braggadocio the allied nations may have manifested toward Venezuela or what self reliance the United States has exhibited in urging respect for the Monroe doctrine, all thinking people will feel more at ease when it is realized that this South American fire brand is about to burn out harmlessly. This country claims that the scenes of the past few weeks have served to make the Monroe doctrine more stable than ever, and that, in a diplomatic sense, the United States has scored a victory. Be this as it may, all will rejoice that there is a likelihood of the issue being settled without the sword. Should a war result one of the greatest struggles in the world's history would be participated, during which the commerce of four, at least, of the most mighty nations of the earth would be almost eliminated from the sea.

IF an ordinance introduced in the Chicago City Council is enacted, all barbers will be required to keep sharp razors, and to keep their mouths shut no matter what argument the customer starts. A barber who cuts a customer will lose his license. The loquacity of barbers has been proverbial throughout all ages. The itinerant knight of the razor whose tantalizing expatiations and clownish pranks caused a certain young man painful experiences are given in the Arabian Nights Entertainment. But so far as their loquaciousness is concerned that can be tolerated better than long "swipes" referred to above is passed or not the provision requiring sharp razors should prove a hint to those in other places as well as in Chicago.

REV. GEORGE K. McDONALD, who recently resigned the pastorate of the First Avenue Baptist Church in New York, has opened a saloon and is doing a fine business. Instead of preaching he is now mixing drinks. He gives as his reason for opening a saloon the "hypothesis of his flock in sneaking in side doors of saloons rather than going boldly in." Mr. McDonald probably was looking for an excuse to exchange the pulpit for a place behind the bar, as it is not to be supposed that all the members of his church were masquerading. His example, however, will tend to make many weak-kneed people patrons of saloons who would otherwise have refrained from entering them.

THE coal strike arbitration bill made its way through both branches of Congress on Saturday. The members of the commission who got \$4,000 a year. In addition to this sum each member is allowed \$15 a day for expenses and attaches are to be paid \$12 a day. Under these conditions the "long parliament" is likely to be eclipsed in duration by the anthracite coal commission. Four thousand dollars a year and expense will doubtless keep the commission in session for a long time, while their employees, who will receive twelve dollars per diem, will be able to stand the strain for an indefinite period.

MR. CATON, the able representative from this city in the House of Delegates, told a representative of the Gazette on Saturday that the legislature would adjourn by the first of May. Speaker Ryan on the same day, in Richmond, said the legislature would adjourn by the first of April. Now if one mightier than they should truthfully predict that the legislature would adjourn on the first of February a suffering people would rise up and call him blessed.

SOON after the holidays the House Judiciary committee will report another anti-trust bill, a sort of a publicity bill, and it is quite likely that the House will pass it before the final adjournment on March 4. Whether the Senate will reach the subject remains a matter of great uncertainty. It is not believed to be the programme to pass the bill through both houses.

CONGRESS after being in session for three weeks on Saturday took a recess for two weeks. By pushing everything of importance over to the last two months of the session it is believed that the Senate leaders have carried out a well-defined programme, that is, that practically nothing but the appropriation bills should be passed at the present session.

THE PHILADELPHIA RECORD ALMANAC for 1903 has been received, and, like everything else that comes from the Record office, is admirable. It is a neat little volume containing valuable information upon various matters of interest for the office and the household alike.

LAST WEEK the House of Delegates "died up" the legislature on the holiday recess adjournment resolution and insisted upon postponing the time of adjournment until the 23d. On Saturday there was not a quorum of the House present, and those who were in their seats adjourned until tomorrow when it is known that again a quorum will not be present. This is but a sample of the ways that are dark of the modern legislator.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., December 22. President Roosevelt stands ready to accept the responsibility of acting as arbitrator between Venezuela and the European allies, provided the latter cannot be induced to refer their differences to the Hague international tribunal. Diplomatic exchanges are now passing between Washington and London and Berlin with this end in view. There is no official confirmation here of the report published in London that the President has already accepted the position of arbitrator. Neither is the story denied. There probably will be no official announcement until the matter is definitely decided. Officials of the administration say that indirectly the proposal will establish a precedent by which the United States will become a kind of bad-debt collector for European nations. It is this suspicion which leads the President to prefer that the case be sent to the Hague tribunal. The Hague court has judiciary powers but is entirely without authority to enforce its decrees. For this reason, the allies aver that Venezuela may refuse to accept the decision and more likely refuse to pay the money. Should President Roosevelt act as arbitrator, the refusal of Venezuela to pay after she had once bound herself to abide by his decision could be regarded as an unbecomingly act to this country.

Since the allies purpose to continue the blockade even while negotiations for arbitration are pending, some question of the nature of that blockade is likely to arise and form the basis of further diplomatic exchanges between Washington and London and Berlin. The proclamations show that while Germany is guarding two ports and Great Britain six, the coast in general is unprotected and merchandise may be landed without hindrance at any non-blockaded point. The allies will probably be asked to declare their intentions on this matter, for under such conditions the blockade can scarcely be considered effective.

It was announced at the State Department this morning that the formal detailed reply of the European allies to the arbitration proposal in the Venezuelan matter had not yet been received by this government. Until it is received, the formal reply of the President to the suggestion that he act as arbitrator will not be sent to those governments. The diplomatic exchanges that have thus far been communicated between this country and Great Britain and Germany have been of an informal nature.

Charlemagne Tower, U. S. Ambassador at Berlin, informed the State Department by cable this morning of the official announcement by the German government of the blockade of Puerto Cabello and Maricao, Venezuela, taking effect from December 20. Ambassador Meyer, at Rome, cabled the State Department today that he received yesterday from the Italian Minister for foreign affairs an official note, announcing that Italy had decided to participate with her naval forces in the blockade of Venezuelan ports, which had been declared by the British and German governments.

Secretary Hay was summoned to the White House this afternoon by President Roosevelt, presumably for a consultation to the preparation of the formal reply of the President to the arbitration proposal made by Great Britain and Germany.

Things were quiet about the Capitol today. The Senate chamber was closed and not a member was on the floor. On the House side a few members were looking over their mail. The only Virginia member to be seen was Mr. Hay, who will leave for his home in Madison this evening. Senator Martin and Mr. Swanson will spend the holidays here but Senator Daniel and all the other Virginia members have gone to their homes. It is said that in the next Congress Mr. Hay will be appointed a member of the appropriations committee. He is one of the best equipped members of the House and had the demerits won he would have been a formidable candidate for the Speakership of the next House. It is also said that Mr. Flood, of Virginia, will probably be a member of the District of Columbia committee of the next House.

The streets and stores are crowded with shoppers and present a scene of animation. About the market the streets are filled with all kinds of evergreens for Christmas decorations.

Military honors were accorded the remains of the late General Wager Swaine, of New York, whose funeral was conducted from St. John's P. E. Church this morning. Interment was made at Arlington. The body was carried to Arlington on a caisson, the caisson draped in the national flag and followed by the mourning garbed horse of the late officer. Many prominent people attended the services at the church.

Relative to the reciprocity treaty with Cuba submitted to the Senate by President Roosevelt for approval Representative Dalzell said this morning: "This is a very unfortunate matter. If the Senate can originate tariff legislation, as contemplated in this treaty, the House might as well abdicate. It is unfortunate, also, as it will array the House against the Senate and against the executive department of the government."

President and Mrs. Roosevelt and the children who accompanied them to Rapidan, Va., returned to Washington at 11.25 a. m. Their special train left Rapidan at 9 o'clock and the run north was made without incident. None of the family was any the worse for the three hours ride in the rain yesterday afternoon as is his usual custom at the end of a trip. The President shook hands with the train crew when he passed the locomotive on the way out of the station. The family were met by Secretary Cortelyou and several attaches of the White House upon their arrival, and were at once driven to the mansion.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw attended the banquet of the Bankers' Club held in Chicago, Saturday night. He made it manifest that he believes in making all forms of American money exchangeable at par for the established

25.8 grains of gold in every dollar, and that when this is accomplished the United States dollar will become as universal in the world's commerce as the English pound sterling. He said this country is bound to maintain parity and failing the enactment of explicit law to that effect, the situation is not free from danger. He favored asset currency and said the lowest rate of tax suggested by anyone is vastly more than enough to cover the loss.

The following announcement was made at the White House this afternoon: "Between Christmas and New Year's Day the President will not make any appointments for receiving callers, and will not have any regular office hours during that week."

Senor Pulido, the Venezuela Charge d'Affaires in Washington, has had offers from more than two hundred enthusiastic Americans to take up arms in his country's defense.

Senator Mark Hanna is interesting himself in an endeavor to get the President to appoint Gen. Jacob Smith, retired, more familiarly known as "Hell Roaring Jake" Smith, to the active list of the army to fill the vacancy now existing in the grade of Brigadier General. At the War Department it is not thought that the President will appoint General Smith again to the active list.

The appointment of Henry C. Beattie to be postmaster at Manchester, and of Annie G. Davenport, to be postmaster at Gordonsville, were confirmed by the Senate on Saturday.

Captain Daniel P. McCartney, U. S. navy, retired, died this city last night, aged 72 years. McCartney was born in Ireland and had been connected with the navy since 1861. He was retired in 1892.

Miss Alice Roosevelt will dance with the son of an earl tonight, at a ball to be given by Lieutenant Robert S. Clarke, Bishop of Rochester, at the New Willard. The favored young man is Geoffrey Geoffrey Howard, whose father is the Earl of Carlisle. Miss Roosevelt will give him her hand in the cotillon.

There has recently been laid on the stone floor of the corridor of the White House, the largest rug ever made. This recently arrived from India, where it was woven by native workmen in special design for the presidential mansion. This rug runs from end to end of the inner section of the corridor, while another one, also of special design, woven in India for the purpose, will cover the center of the large square space of the outer corridor. The U. S. Supreme Court adjourned today for the holidays.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Public improvements are projected in New York that will cost over \$300,000,000.

Rev. Alphonse L. Magnien, S. S., president emeritus of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, died yesterday at that institution.

Countess Castellane reached New York yesterday on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which arrived in port after a stormy voyage.

Panama advices from the Venezuelan frontier state that the revolutionary movement against President Castro is now more powerful than ever.

Dr. Tullio de Suzzara-Verdi died of pneumonia in Milan, Italy, on November 25. He was for thirty-seven years a practicing physician of Washington.

Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., dean of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral, Omaha, Neb., was buried in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore, on Saturday.

The Humberts, alleged swindlers, when arrested in Madrid on Saturday tried unsuccessfully to keep the police from getting a package containing \$48,000.

Marconi cables from Glace Bay, N. S., that he has established wireless communication between Cape Breton, P. E. I., and Cornwall, England, with complete success.

Prof. Elmer W. Gates is reported to have discovered that every mood and thought of the human brain has a relatively corresponding color in the chromatic scale and has designed apparatus to demonstrate his theory.

The International Banking Corporation of New York has submitted a proposition to Secretary Hay and the representatives in Washington of the allied powers to finance the payment of the Venezuelan claims.

Edward Joseph, watchman at the works of the Beaver Dam Marble Company, in Baltimore, was yesterday burned to death in a fire in the boiler room, which it is supposed he entered to turn off the steam and avert an explosion.

The present crop failure in Finland is the worst in 50 years, and the people in 194 of the 500 parishes are destitute. So complete was the failure of vegetation in some sections that dead birds by the hundreds have been found in the forest.

Representative Mercer, chairman of the House committee on public buildings and grounds, has filed the favorable report ordered by his committee on the bill providing for a building in Washington city for the Supreme Court.

At the hearing of two boys before Justice Flammer, in New York, on the charge of theft, the justice made the statement that there was an organized society which taught boys to steal and hired lawyers to defend them when caught.

The Princess of Wales gave birth to a son on Saturday night. Both mother and child are doing well. This is the fifth child and fourth son born to the Princess of Wales, who was married to Princess Victoria Mary of Teck on July 6, 1893.

At the trial of the libel suit of Mrs. Katherine Tingley, head of the Universal Brotherhood, at Point Loma, evidence was introduced to show that Mrs. Tingley ruled with iron hand, and taught that the spirit of the former leader, Mr. Judge, was reincarnated in her pet dog.

In the Senate on Saturday Mr. Jones (Ark.) presented a resolution directing the Attorney General to transmit to the Senate affidavits and reports relative to charges filed against certain railway corporations made by Mr. William R. Hearst, charging the existence of an illegal combination or conspiracy among railroads therein named engaged in interstate commerce, the tendency and purpose of which was the establishment of a monopoly in the business of transporting and selling anthracite coal, in connection with said petition a request was made for permission to present evidence establishing the existence of such a combination. A resolution offered by Mr. Patterson was agreed to. It called upon the interstate commerce commission to send to the Senate all reports from inspectors showing the condition and defects of train and power brakes on a number of railways.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The records of the customhouse show that the imports of toys for Christmas through Newport News were three times greater this year than in any previous year.

Frank C. Kerns, the fifteen-year-old son of Mr. Frank Lee Kerns, was fatally injured in Richmond on Saturday while exercising in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A.

The Red Men of Virginia will make a vigorous fight against the efforts of the negroes to form a lodge. Counsel has been employed at Hampton and Norfolk to contest the matter.

Judge Lunsford L. Lewis qualified as United States district attorney in Richmond on Saturday and announced that Hugh Gordon Miller would remain in the position as assistant attorney for the present at least.

News of accidental death of six miners in the Virginia coal field has been received at Knoxville, Tenn. While pulling pillars six miners met a horrible and instant death. The coal suddenly slipped together, and wedging the workmen in, crushed them to death.

Dr. E. A. Dickinson, who has been the president of the Religious Herald Company since its organization, has retired from that position on account of impaired health. Dr. R. H. L. Pitt has been chosen as his successor, while Rev. J. W. Mitchell has been made secretary and treasurer to succeed Dr. Pitt.

A petition signed by the necessary number of citizens of Stafford county asking that an election be ordered on the question of the county subscribing \$50,000 to the stock of the Fredericksburg and Rappahannock Railway Company has been presented to Judge R. H. L. Chichester and he is considering the matter in vacation.

THE GLASS ELECTION CONTEST.

Chairman Taylor, of House Committee on Elections No. 1, has submitted the committee's report in case of Carter Glass's Representative from the Sixth Virginia district, a resolution providing for the investigation of whose election was offered on the first day of the present session. The committee reported a few days after the resolution was offered, advising against any action at the present session of Congress, but the formal report just submitted by Mr. Taylor makes the position of the committee clearer.

After reciting the resolution which brought the case to the committee's attention, Mr. Taylor goes on to say:

The adoption of the new constitution of the State of Virginia, resulting in the disfranchisement of a large number of its citizens, furnished the reason for offering the resolution, and the question was thus presented to your committee whether it ought now to investigate and consider the subject thus involved.

Carter Glass, was, at the November election, 1902, elected a Representative from the Sixth Congressional district of Virginia for the unexpired term of the Fifty-seventh Congress, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Peter J. Oney. This was the first election held under the provision of the new constitution.

At the same election Representatives were elected to the Fifty-eighth Congress from all of the Congressional districts of Virginia.

Your committee recognize that the question involved in the resolution is one of the gravest ever submitted to the House of Representatives. It involves the right of a sovereign State to the eleven Representatives which it has elected to the Congress of the United States. Mr. Glass was elected to the Fifty-eighth Congress as well as to fill the vacancy in the Fifty-seventh Congress.

The question, therefore, in all its bearings, must necessarily come before the next Congress in due form and with ample time for its proper investigation and discussion.

Your committee are unanimous in their opinion that in the time intervening before the close of this Congress it would be impossible to satisfactorily investigate the important questions of law and of fact involved in the resolution.

The question is purely of a public character. No claim of private right in any claimant to the seat which Mr. Glass occupies is worthy of serious consideration. The sole question is as to whether a valid election was held in Virginia in November, 1902, for representatives in Congress.

The sitting member was opposed by two candidates. Of these, Graham received 1,418 and Cowdon 130 votes. There is no conceivable theory (concerning which any pretense is made) upon which either of these candidates could be declared elected.

As, therefore, the public question alone remains, we are pronounced in our belief that its investigation belongs to the Fifty-eighth Congress.

We therefore recommend that the consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

The papers in the case of the contest brought for Mr. Glass's seat by James Selden Cowdon were laid before the House on Saturday.

ENFORCING BLOCKADE.

The British cruiser indefatigable yesterday captured ten miles from La Guayra the Venezuelan schooner Jesuita, from Guanta, with a cargo belonging to a Spaniard. Of the three schooners seized Saturday the Julia had a cargo belonging to a German subject and the Mercedes and Inmaculada are owned by a French subject, though they fly the Venezuelan flag. The bitterest opponents of the European fleet now at La Guayra are the foreigners there, and not the Venezuelans. All the foreign Consuls agree that the notification of the blockade given by Germany and Great Britain was not sufficient. The blockade is already seriously damaging foreign, especially German, interests. It is said in government circles that a dispatch has been received from Washington proposing, at the request of the foreign powers, that some person other than Mr. Bowen, the United States minister at Caracas, be selected to act as arbitrator. The Venezuelan schooner Julia, which was seized at La Guayra Saturday by the combined fleet, was towed to sea yesterday morning by the Tribune. Her destination is unknown, but it is supposed that she will be taken to Trinidad as a prize. The Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan captured a small Venezuelan sloop yesterday.

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LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

The Senate did no business on Saturday, and little was attempted, but fifteen of the forty members being present, and an adjournment until today was soon had.

A communication was received from the Governor to the effect that he had appointed Eppa Hunton, jr., of Richmond, and Henry C. Stuart, of Russell county, members of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia to succeed Joseph Ryan, of Richmond, and George W. Miles, of Radford, resigned.

There were present only about twenty-seven or twenty-eight delegates.

Not a bill or resolution was offered. There being nothing else to do the House dallied with the calendar for twenty minutes, but with so small an attendance could do nothing with the bills thereon, the patrons of those on their second reading being absent. Out of courtesy of them the bills were passed by.

The House adjourned until 10 a. m., Tuesday, at which time it will adjourn until January 5.

The McLean case, involving the right of Dr. McLean to a seat in the House from Mecklenburg, he being a Federal office-holder, was referred by the committee on privileges and elections until after the holidays. There was a very slim attendance of members and the subcommittee was not ready to report. The case involves many legal questions of a very delicate character.

TWENTY-THREE KILLED.

As a result of a rear-end collision between the "Stockton flyer" and the "Owl" train on the Southern Pacific at Byron, Cal., Saturday night, twenty-three deaths already have been recorded and there are fears that the total will reach twenty. Eighteen deaths have resulted from the collision. Ten persons were killed outright, and the other eight succumbed to their injuries yesterday. It was a rear end collision, the engine of the local plowing its way into the rear coach of the "Owl," which was filled with people.

The passengers who escaped death were hurled to the forward part of the coach, and crushed into the mass of debris. Their sufferings and danger were intensified by the clouds of scalding steam that poured out from the shattered boiler of the Stockton engine. After the "Owl" left the Oakland mole it was noted that there was a leak in the flue of the engine. This increased to such an extent that it was deemed advisable to stop at Martinez and take a freight engine for relief. The train officials knew that the Stockton local train was following a half hour behind, and a flagman was sent back along the track to give warning of the presence of the "Owl." It is said that the Stockton train got the warning signal in due time and gave the usual response with whistle blasts. So forcibly did the local meet the rear of the "Owl" that the end of the second car, the dining car, was smashed in and the three cooks were seriously hurt. The horror of the fire was not added to the disaster, and the penned-up victims were spared from flame, for the oil burners were extinguished when the crash came.

The fireman of the Stockton flyer said: "We saw the flagman's light ahead of us and put on the brakes at once. They seemed to work well enough, but we could not stop in time to avoid smashing into the rear of the 'Owl' train. The engine went right through the cars."

MCLEAN CASE POSTPONED.

The sub-committee of the House Privileges and Elections Committee will make no report to the full committee until after the recess. When it does it will be in the form of a recommendation that the Mecklenburg man be expelled. Mr. Heermans, the minority representative on the sub-committee, is not quite in accord with the democratic members. He favors notifying Dr. McLean of the intention of the house, and giving him another chance to come here and take the oath. In the event of refusal, it is understood Mr. Heermans will acquiesce in the recommendation of the majority.

Whatever his attitude, however, the majority of the committee and a large majority of the House are in favor of expulsion. There is one weak point in the argument of Mr. Cumming that the old General Assembly did when it adjourned sine die, or certainly, on July 10, when the new Constitution became effective, and that the present body was not the General Assembly of Virginia until the members took the oath under the new Constitution. If that be true, Dr. McLean, who refused to take the oath, is not a member and hence cannot be expelled. This is but one of the many complications involved in this case. The declaration that the seat of the Mecklenburg member is vacant will certainly be made.—(Richmond News.)

A MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

Yesterday J. Robinson, a youth of 18, was arrested on the charge of having shot and killed Miss Minnie Rutledge, aged 17, a short distance below Charleston, W. Va. They had been driving, but left the carriage near the dye factory and had gone to a secluded spot. Jeff Pierce heard cries for help and the report of a revolver, and seeing the young man hastening toward the river, arrested him. He returned to find the girl shot in the abdomen. She died shortly afterward without making a statement. The boy seemed greatly excited but after being placed in jail stated that the young lady had killed herself accidentally. A search, however, failed to discover the weapon.

JEFFRIES GOES DOWN.—James J. Jeffries, the world's champion heavyweight, came very near meeting his Waterloo at Butte, Mont., Saturday night when he faced Jack Monroe, the amateur champion of the Pacific coast, in a four-round bout. As it was the champion lost the decision. Monroe proved a tatter and he accomplished what no other fighter was ever able to do to the big boiler-maker—send him to the floor with a blow.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Shipwrecked Mariners Rescued.

Boston, Dec. 22.—The fishing schooner Manasset arrived at the wharf early this morning with ten survivors of the schooners Louise B. Cray and Frank A. Palmer. Of the 25 men on both schooners, ten were drowned and five died later from exposure. The Louise B. Cray was a five masted schooner and the Palmer was four-masted. Both were coal laden, bound for Boston. The schooners collided off the Massachusetts coast during a gale, Wednesday. They came together, bow on, and both were so badly damaged that they sank in a few minutes. It is said the collision was the result of an attempt on the part of the Cray to cross the Palmer's bow. The Cray went down in seven minutes, the Palmer almost a minute after the collision. The cold was so intense on Friday and Saturday night that five of the half frozen crew sat on one of their comrades, a sixteen year old boy, to keep him from freezing.

The Venezuelan Claims.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Germany and England will today send a note to their respective Ambassadors in America stating the conditions on which arbitration of the Venezuelan claims will be accepted. If President Roosevelt will accept these conditions Germany will fall in line with England, and will not urge any sharper conditions. The powers are co-operating most cordially and are greatly desirous of discontinuing the blockade as soon as Castro shows a sincere intention of yielding. This, it is believed, would happen if President Roosevelt would accept the arbitratorship. The submission of the claims to The Hague court, it is pointed out, would mean immense delay. Government officials state that the report published in the United States that Germany intends to acquire the West Indies is all nonsense.

To Succeed Schwab.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—Along with the purchase of the Union Steel Company—the lately merged Sharon Steel Company, of Sharon, Pa., and the Union Steel Company, of Donora, Pa.,—by the United States Steel Corporation there is likely to be a new head selected for the steel trust in the person of E. J. Buffington, president of the Illinois Steel Company, which is one of the subsidiary companies of the Federal Steel Corporation, itself a part of the steel trust. He is to be chosen to succeed Charles M. Schwab as president. Other names have been mentioned in this connection but Mr. Buffington, who has had a large experience, is said to be slated for the position.

The Partition of Turkey.

Vienna, Dec. 22.—Die Woche today asserts that Count Lamorsdorf, Russian Minister of foreign affairs, who proposes to visit Vienna to arrange a settlement of affairs in Turkey and its dependencies, will bring a definite proposal from the Russian government regarding the partition of Turkey. According to this proposal, the paper says, Austria is to occupy the territory from the Bosnian boundary to Ipek and Mitronitz; while Russia will receive another slice of European Turkey. Austro-Russian action along these lines, the paper adds, is bound to provoke a European conflict.

Aged Couple Murdered.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 22.—Judge J. A. Lewis, a pioneer, 76 years old, and his aged wife were murdered Friday night by unknown robbers, who, after a struggle, brained the old man with an axe and then murdered the wife by beating her to death with a club. The tragedy occurred near Almira, Lincoln county. The object was doubtless robbery as the Judge was worth \$20,000 to \$25,000 and was supposed to have money in his safe. There is no clue to the robbers.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The labor party in several towns in Rhenish Prussia is preparing to follow the advice of Kaiser Wilhelm, and will enter a candidate for election to the Reichstag.

A most favorable bulletin regarding the condition of Rev. Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, who is ill with a nervous trouble, was issued by his physicians this morning.

Crown Prince Frederick William speaking to laborers at Aachen, Germany, recently, referred to the socialists as "a miserable element." The newspapers are advising his highness to keep out of politics until he has reached years of maturity.

The London Times today received a message by Marconi wireless telegraph from Sir R. J. Cartwright, Canadian Minister of Commerce, congratulating the British people on the accomplishment by Marconi of "the greatest feat modern science has yet achieved."

The oil ship which burned off Gloucester, Mass., yesterday afternoon and last evening, was the Standard Oil Company's schooner No. 43. The fishing schooner Bianche tried to tow the craft to port and put four men aboard the burning ship. One was killed by an explosion and then the burning vessel was abandoned. The barge's crew was saved by the fishing crew of the Gertrude. The tug Priscilla has recovered the barge and is towing it to Gloucester port. It is thought that the barge's cargo of gasoline is only partly damaged. The prize is worth over \$100,000.

The first stage robbery on the line between Redding and Weaverville, Cal., since 1892, when the two Ruggles boys held up and killed Messenger Montgomery, occurred yesterday. A highwayman stopped the coach near Whiskeytown, forced the driver to throw down an express box and then lined up the seven passengers by the roadside and robbed them of money and jewelry. The highwaymen broke open the express box and then ordered the coach to proceed. Officers are now in pursuit of them.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Another Great Charity Started.

At 510 North Columbus street a great charity has been started. It is the Colored Old Folks' Home, an institution for indigent colored women and is under the immediate control and management of Mrs. Alexander Truitt, and Mrs. Dr. Hopkins. It is supported by the colored churches and subscriptions among the colored people. They have six inmates at present. The colored people are trying to take care of their own and the charitable whites ought to help them with subscriptions of some money, groceries or anything to help sustain the undertaking.

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Men's Unlined and Silk-lined Mocha Gloves, tan, brown and gray; Ad-ler's make. For..... \$1.50
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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Cornelius Vanderbilt, it was stated at his home, in New York, this morning, in much better today. His physicians are more hopeful of his chances for recovery.

Fire which started in an unknown manner in the Knoxville, Tenn., Panta Company's building on Commerce street, this morning, destroyed property of an estimated value of \$640,000, in the business district. Two men are reported buried under fallen walls but no effort will be made to verify this until the debris clears.

The Vienna Narodni Listy today says that the Emperor will likely promulgate a settlement of the Czech-German language difficulty by new procedure rules which will put a stop to the disorder in the Reichsrath caused by the difficulty. The Emperor, the paper says, will promulgate the new rules without the consent of